

REMARKS

The patent application filed herewith is a continuation of U.S. Application 09/028,395, filed February 24, 1998, which is a continuation-in-part of PCT Application No. US/PCT96/04407, filed on March 28, 1996, which is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 08/412,066, filed on March 28, 1995, and which is also entitled to priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/006,627, filed on November 13, 1995.

The present invention relates to novel isolated marrow stromal cells ("MSCs") for use in treatment of a central nervous system ("CNS") disease, disorder or condition. The invention discloses methods comprising administering isolated marrow stromal cells into the CNS of a human patient thereby effecting treatment of a disease, disorder or condition thereof. Moreover, the stromal cells may be cultured *in vitro*, genetically engineered to produce therapeutic compounds, and/or pre-differentiated prior to administration into the CNS.

Claims 1-18 are pending in the application following entry of the present Amendment. Claims 19 and 20 have been canceled herein. Claims 19 and 20 have also deemed allowable in the parent application, U.S. Application No. 09/028,395.

Amendment to claim 2 to correct typographical errors

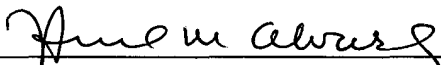
Applicants have amended claim 2 herein merely to correct an inadvertent typographical error, and as such no new matter has been added by way of this Amendment. Specifically, "synergeneic" as recited in original claim 2 has been replaced with "syngeneic."

Applicants respectfully submit that each of claims 1-18 is in condition for allowance. Consideration and allowance of each of these claims are respectfully requested at the earliest possible date.

Respectfully submitted,

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